

#### AFTERMATH OF THE WAR

within six weeks after March 24 "if no unforeseen circumstances occur." Steady Soviet pressure on Qavam caused him to instruct Ambassador Ala to demand the removal of the dispute from the Council's agenda. With truly patriotic intransigence Ala declined to follow this instruction, making it clear that his government must have acted under duress. This was undoubtedly true. In fact, the instructions given by Qavam during this nerve-racking period were largely conditioned by his alternating conversations with the Soviet: and the American Ambassadors in Teheran. Unfortunately for the American Ambassador, Mr. Murray, was at this juncture confined to bed at his doctor's orders. As a result, the Soviet Ambassador's calls on the Premier were more frequent and his insistence on a solution satisfactory to Moscow stronger. At this point the American delegation to the United Nations seemed to waver in its resolve to pursue the matter energetically and appeared inclined again to leave Iran to face her formidable neighbor alone. On Secretary Byrnes's suggestion the Security Council decided on April 4 to accept the Soviet statement and "to defer further proceedings on the Iranian appeal until May 6th, at which date the Soviet government and the Iranian government are requested to report to the Council whether the withdrawal of all Soviet troops from the whole of Iran has been completed and at which time the Council shall consider what, if any, further proceedings on the Iranian appeal are required." <sup>1=</sup>

The Soviet promise of evacuation was well calculated. On one hand it caused the temporary removal of the dispute from the Council; on the other it served as an inducement to Qavam to comply with the Russian demands. In both points Russia

succeeded. On April 4,  
the day of the Council's decision to defer  
further proceedings, the  
Soviet Union and Iran concluded an  
agreement that comprised the  
following provisions:

- (1) The Red Army was to be evacuated  
within one month and a  
half after March 24, 1946.
- (2) A joint stock Irano-Soviet oil company  
was to be established  
and ratified by the Fifteenth Majlis within  
seven months after March

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- (3) "With regard to Azerbaijan, since it is  
an internal Iranian af-

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